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Natural Gas Contracts Using Weather-Based Metrics
Inventors: MACHADO, Jr et al.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 with copies of Forms PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this patent application on September 23, 2003, attached;
2. Submission of Drawings;
3. Nine sheets of Replacement drawings, approval of which is respectfully requested; and
4. Return postcard.

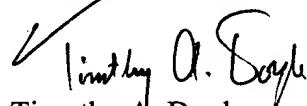
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Submitted herewith are nine sheets of Replacement drawings with Figures 1-3, 4A-4B and 5-8, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing(s) is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

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